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SUBJ: FRENDIAK CASE

REF: ABU DHABI 0174

1. KUWAITI PLOT STORY RELATED TO FRENDIAK INVESTIGATION SURFACED HERE FEB 17 IN SUMMARY FORM AS DISPATCH CARRIED IN REUTERS ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS BULLETIN. STORY DID NOT RPT NOT APPEAR IN ARABIC DALIES AL-ITTIHAD AND AL-WAHDAH. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT MINYINFO DOING BEST TO KILL STORY LOCALLY. WHEN AP STRINGER ATTEMPTED QUERY MINY INFO ABOUT PLOT STORY HE WAS INFORMED THAT MINY HAD CLAMPED COMPLETE EMBARGO ON STORY IN UAE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REUTERS DISPATCH MENTIONED PARA 1

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QUOTE: ALLEGED PLOT AGAINST UAE--KUWAIT FEB 16--FIVE

AMERICANS INCLUDING A GIRL ARE BEING HELD IN THE GULF STATE OF ABU DHABI AFTER AIRPORT OFFICIALS FAILED A PLOT TO HIJACK AIRLINER CARRYING THE UAE OIL MINISTER, A KUWAITI NEWSPAPER REPORTED TODAY. AL SIYASAH DAILY SAID THE GIRL'S BAGGAGE HELD A PISTOL, 80 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, SOME POWDER BELIEVED TO BE EXPLOSIVE AND CASH. IT SAID SHE AND FOUR "ACCOMPLICES" WERE STILL BEING INTERROGATED AND THAT FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED PLOT WERE EXPECTED TO EMERGE LATER. IN ABU DHABI OFFICIALS DECLINED TO SAY IF THERE WAS ANY BASIS FOR THE REPORT. THE INCIDENT WAS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE EARLIER THIS WEEK. ABU DHABI, THE NEWSPAPER POINTED OUT, WAS THE FIRST ARAB OIL STATE TO IMPOSE A TOTAL EMBARGO ON THE US. IT ACTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARAB MINISTERS DECIDED AT A CONFERENCE HERE LAST OCTOBER TO DEPLOY THEIR OIL WEAPON. END QUOTE.

3. IN COURSE OF BRIEFING OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES ON FACTS ABOUT CASE, WE LEARNED THAT RUMOR OF PLOT INVOLVING AMERICAN GIRL ARRESTED AT AIRPORT WAS WIDELY CIRCULATED IN ABU DHABI FROM DAY INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. STORY ABOUT POSSIBLE HIJACK OF PLANE CARRYING MINPET OTAIBA APPARENTLY GREW OUT OF FACT THAT OTAIBA HAD PLANNED LEAVE ON MEA FLIGHT ORIGINATING DUBAI APPROX SAME TIME AS MISS FENDAK ARRIVED. BEFORE UAE OFFICIALS DISCOVERED WEAPONS IN GIRLS BAGGAGE, IT PROPOSED THAT SHE LEAVE COUNTRY ON SAME MEA FLIGHT WHICH OTAIBA PLANNING TAKE. IN FACT, OFFICIALS ACCORDING CONSUL, HAD PURCHASED TICKET FOR HER ON MEA FLIGHT. WE CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT AFTER DISCOVERY OF WEAPONS, UAEG CONCLUDED THAT GIRL MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF HIJACKING CONSPIRACY AND CONSEQUENTLY ORDERED MEA FLIGHT TO BY-PASS ABU DHABI, WHICH IT DID.

4. WE HAVE PROVIDED SUMMARY BRIEFING ABOUT CASE TO CBS REP BEIRUT (GLUBB) WHO INSTRUCTED BY CBS HOME OFFICE TO CONTACT EMBASSY BY TELEPHONE. GRIFFIN

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